

Battle Ground Town Council

Meeting Minutes, June 15, 2020

This meeting was conducted via ZOOM.us teleconference due to Indiana health emergency.

Attending, President James Miller, Councilors Steve Hahn, Greg Jones, Mary Jo Totten, Matt Coppock, Clerk Treasurer Georgia Jones.

Guests: Dave Buck, Colin Dale, Colin Sullivan, Steve Egly, Joe Kline, Ron Evans, Buffy Rogers

Bid Acceptance

Dave Buck and Greg Jones reviewed bid information from packets submitted by three vendors. The lowest bid was submitted by Rieth-Riley Construction Company at \$514,650.00. The consultants at Butler Fairman recommends this bid, and explained some of the detail in bid document sections. There is an agreement for James Miller to sign when the bid is accepted. The payment and performance bonds are prepared in advance to expedite the project upon acceptance.

Motion by Greg Jones to award the CR 600 N paving project to Rieth-Riley Construction Company for \$514,650.00. Second of Matt Coppock, motion carried with unanimous vote.

Sampling head replacement

At the June 8 meeting, Ron Holladay mentioned the need to repair or replace a sampling head at the treatment plant. The repair is expensive and a replacement seems most cost efficient.

Motion by Matt Coppock to approve the purchase of a new sampling head up to \$2500.00 for the waste treatment plant. Second of Mary Jo Totten, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Sidewalks/Trails

The town's ADA plan requires annual investment in improvements to accessible sidewalks and intersection curb cuts. Greg Jones recommends placing curb cuts on the west side of Winans street at the Jewett Street intersection and Tipton Street intersection. Greg is requesting an expense estimate and quote documents from BFS on the general services agreement.

Councilors discussed the ordinance for sidewalk repairs. It was decided to wait for the ADA improvements estimate first, then revisit setting a budget for other repairs and possibly promoting the 50/50 match to generate interest in sidewalk improvements.

Woods Edge expansion

Greg Jones reports that Area Plan has not had any contact from Woods Edge management regarding a possible addition of residential units. Matt Coppock would like contact information for UMH Properties.

New/Alternative Town Hall

The council received a suggestion to use the town's vacant lot on SR255 for a new town hall location. It is located in the Burnett Creek flood plain and Area Plan will not approve a building permit.

Grant Writer

James Miller asked the council if there is support for engaging someone to locate grants and write the applications for a new town hall or other improvements. BJ Moyers is a Battle Ground deputy marshal who has experience writing grants, and said he would be interested to help.

OCRA project funding

The council agreed to keep the first or third Monday in August open for a potential ZOOM meeting with Gerry White, hoping to learn about programs administered by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

Marketing

There is an idea to develop a marketing item to promote Battle Ground utilities and other important phone numbers. Mary Jo Totten offered to get a quote for “refrigerator magnets” from Awards Unlimited and discuss a joint purchase with the Conservancy.

Motion to adjourn 6:39 p.m. by Steve Hahn.

Georgia Jones, Clerk Treasurer

James Miller, Council President